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Stephen H. Suroviec
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Suroviec:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program and Supplement for the Supported Employment (SE) Services Program in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments on behalf of Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in compliance with Sections 101(a) and 625 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act). In addition, RSA acknowledges receipt of the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the FY 2012 State Plan and the assurance to complete the activities necessary to fulfill the assurance under which the FY 2011 State Plan was approved.

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments, and the assurances of compliance were reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. RSA approves the OVR State Plan for the VR and SE programs based on the submitted preprint of affirmative assurances, all required attachments, the assurance to complete the activities necessary to fulfill the assurance under which the FY 2011 State Plan was approved, and the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the FY 2012 State Plan.

In accordance with this approval of the State Plan and accompanying assurances, RSA is making available to Pennsylvania its FY 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards. Please be advised that RSA will closely monitor OVR's activities in support of the assurances it has made. As a component of that monitoring, RSA may request that OVR provide periodic updates on the status of the activities necessary to fulfill the assurances under which the FY 2012 State Plan was approved.

The approved FY 2012 OVR State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's MIS by Monday, October 3, 2011. Individuals who wish to read the State Plan at that time may visit http://rsamis.ed.gov/view_info.cfm, select the appropriate state, search for "VR State Plan" and select "View the VR State Plan."

OVR continues to make progress in fulfilling the State Plan requirements and in making use of the plan to transmit important operational information to the public. The State Plan contains the goals for the agency that are agreed to by the State Rehabilitation Council and describe how OVR is assisting individuals with disabilities to achieve employment outcomes.

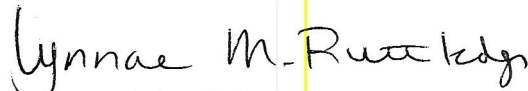
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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Charles Sadler, at (202) 245-7514 or charles.sadler@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynnae M. Ruttledge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'M'.

Lynnae M. Ruttledge
Commissioner

cc: Charles Sadler